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SUBJ: CAIRO PRESS PERPLEXED BY ISRALI "ACCEPTANCE" OF "AMERICAN"
PROPOSAL ON MEPC

1. SEP 26 PRESS PROMINENTLY FEATURES ISRAELI "ACCEPTANCE"
OF PROPOSAL "PUT FORWARD BY CARTER" DURING TALKS WITH DAYAN
TO CONVENE GENEVA BEFORE END OF YEAR WITH UNIFIED ARAB DEL
CONTAINING PALESTINIANS. AHRAM VERSION STATES GOI HAS AGREED
THAT (A) ARAB STATES PARTICIPATE IN INAUGURAL SESSION IN
UNIFIED DELEGATION (B) REP OF "WEST BANK ARABS" MAY PAR-
TICIPATE IN UNIFIED DEL ON CONDITION THEY HAVE NO KNOWN
TIES TO PLO AND ATTEND INAUGURAL SESSION WITHIN JORDANIAN
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DEL (C) NO NEGOTIATIONS TAKE PLACE DURING INAUGUARAL SESSION
WITH UNIFIED ARAB DEL; AND (D) UNIFIED ARAB DEL BREAKS UP
AFTER INAUGURAL SESSION INTO SEPARATE NATIONAL DELS (PAL-
ESTINAINS SITTING WITH JORDANIANS). (COMMENT: PRESS APPARENTLY
UNAWARE THAT PROPOSAL ACCEPTED BY ISRAEL MAY BE DIFFERENT FROM
POSSIBLE US PROPOSAL).

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2. COVERAGE DOES NOT QUESTION ASSERTION THAT ISRAELIS HAVE ACCEPTED US-INITIATED PLAN AND AKHBAR CARRIES FRONT PAGE ITEM NOTING DEPT HAS "WELCOMED" ISRAELI DECISION. AHRAM NOTES, QUOTING NEWS AGENCIES, THAT ACCEPTANCE IS "TURNING POINT" IN ISRAELI POSITION, SINCE BEGIN GOVT HAD EARLIER OPPOSED UNIFIED ARAB DEL AND HAD REFUSED TO SIT WITH ANY PLO REPS, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN.

3. ALTHOUGH COVERAGE IMPLIS UNIFIED DEL PROBABLY ACCEPTABLE TO GOE, EGYPTIAN CONFUSION CLEAR FROM TWO APPARENTLY HASTILY INSERTED COLUMNS IN AHRAM. FIRST COLUMN QUOTES "HIGH-LEVEL SOURCE"" THAT EGYPT STUDYING "NEW DEVELOPMENTS" BUT NO DECISIONS WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL FAHMY RETURNS IN OCT. SECOND IS REPORT FROM "AHRAM REP" IN NEW YORK WHO NOTES ARAB "RESERVATIONS" CONCERNING ISRAELI MOVE. "SOURCES CLOSE TO ARAB FORNMINS" POINT OUT THAT ARABS CONSULTING IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON WITH US OFFICIALS IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN FULL PLO MEMBERSHIP N MEPC. "SOURCES" FURTHER STATE THAT UNIFIED ARAB DEL WOULD BE DEVICE TO SECURE FULL PLO PARTICI-PATION, NOT MEANS FOR DISMISSING PLO, AS DAYAN APPEARED TO BE DOING IN STATEMENTS ON AMERICAN TV. AHRAM COLUMN PLAS CALL BY AL SYG RAID FOR ABAR GROUP TO MEET AT UN SEP 29 AS ATTEMPT TO COUNTER "MISLEADING"MOVES BY DAYAN AIMED AT "AFFECTING US PUBLIC OPINION."

4. COMMENT: IT APPEARS ISRAELI ANNOUNCEMENT CAUGHT EGYPTIANS
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OFF GUARD AND ISRAELI CLAIM THAT PROPOSAL EMANATED FROM USG COMPOUNDED CONFUSION. AHRAM, PROBABLY AT FAHMY'S BIDDING, SEEMS TO HAVE SET STAGE FOR PRESS CRITICISM OF "AMERICAN" PROPOSAL AFTER EDITORIAL WRITERS HAVE HAD OPPORUNITY TO GET GUIDANCE. FOR MEMENT, HOWEVER, PRESS DOMINATED BY "CARTER'S PLAN TO RESUME GENEVA MEPC" AND FAHMY'S MEETINGS WITH FARUQ QADDUMI AND KUWAITI FONMIN IN NY VIRTUALLY IGNORED.
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